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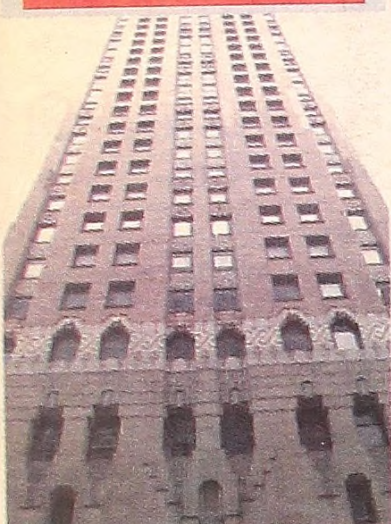
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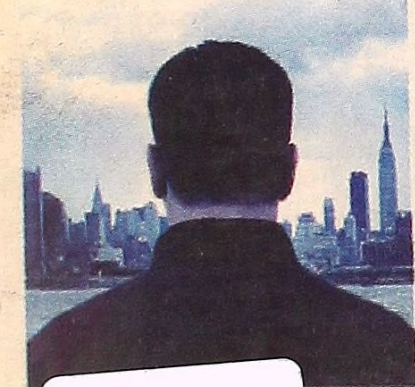
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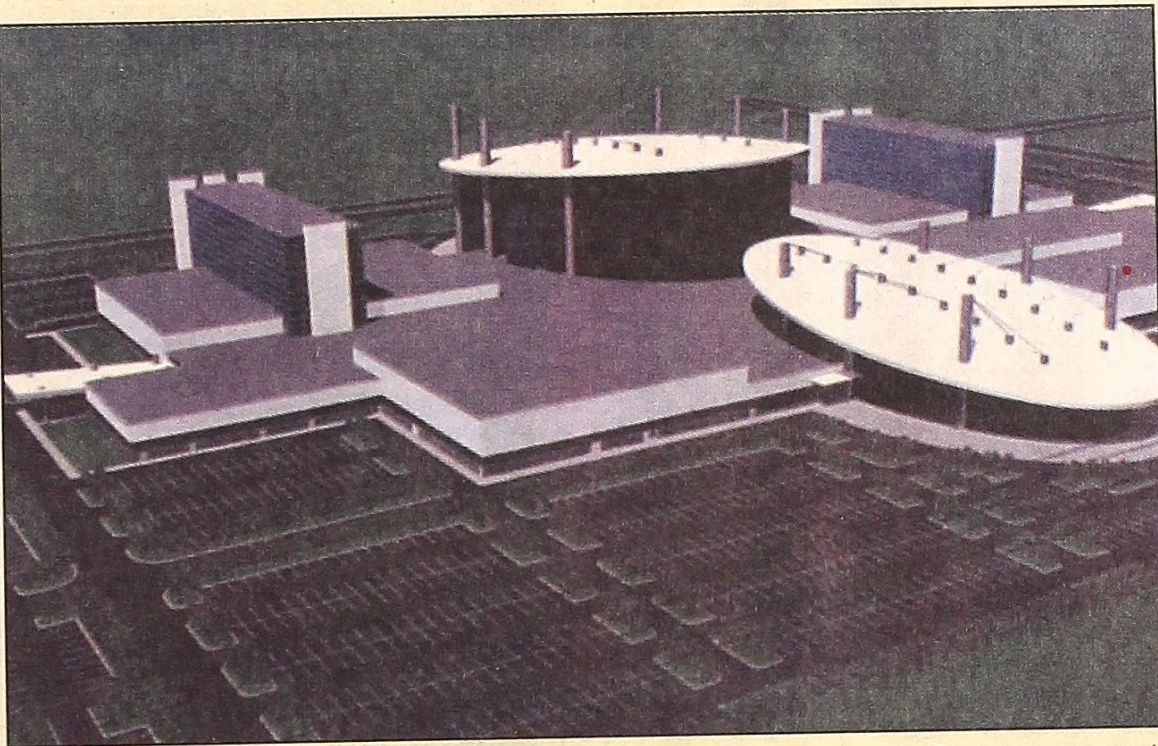
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A rendering of the front of the tentatively-titled Motown Technology and Sports Center was presented to a group of business people and journalists Tuesday morning.

Developer announces plan for arena

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A 1.6 million square foot sports and entertainment facility could be constructed in Romulus if a group of developers decide the city is the best location for the project.

At a press conference at the Romulus Crowne Plaza Tuesday morning, Metro Sports Center LLC, a Detroit-based group of developers, announced they have secured financing for the \$200 million project, but did not commit to a location for the project.

Jacquelyn Vaughn, a spokeswoman for the developers, said Romulus was one of the cities currently under consideration for the arena.

"Yes, we are looking at Romulus and other locations throughout Southeast Michigan," said Vaughn.

A letter from the developer dated July 30 that was included in a press packet given to media outlets during the event indicated that the LLC would submit plans to Romulus officials in the near future for consideration and support.

Tentatively named the Motown Technology and Sports Center, the facility would serve as a home to a minor league basketball team, hockey team, indoor soccer team and a arena football team, and would house several other sports and entertainment-related amenities, including three basketball courts and four hockey rinks, in addition to the 12,000-seat main arena.

Vaughn said the developers are in negotiations for naming rights to the facility.

Also included in the project are an indoor lacrosse space, a running track, a fitness center, a leisure pool, three wave surf pools, two IMAX movie theaters, a dance studio, a spa, an education center, a rehabilitation center, an arcade, a bowling alley and a hotel.

Glenn DeSimone, the architect of the project, said he believed the wave surf pool was fairly unique.

"I know of only one - or maybe two - of its type in the area," he said.

The developers of the project have faced doubts in large part because they did not secure financing for the project immediately. Though the developers announced Tuesday that

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"It just makes sense that the financing is in place first," Vaughn said when reporters asked her how a groundbreaking could take place in such short order without a site agreement.

Ongoing negotiations are in taking place to secure a site, but city officials said there's been little dialog between the city and the developers.

"To be honest, we don't really know too much about the project," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "They came to us about two years ago - then the project was much smaller, just about \$50 million or so - but now it's up to \$200 million."

"That being said, from what we know about it, it looks like a great project, and we'd love to have something like that here



A rear view of the proposed facility shows the area portion of the building, which would be home to several minor-league sports teams.

American Capital Holdings of Troy, Mich., will provide that financing it remains unclear if a groundbreaking will take place by the end of this year, which Vaughn said she would like to

in Romulus," Lambert added.

Vaughn said financing for the project is in place, and that a closing date of 45 days from

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Stadium fits city growth plan

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A plan for a stadium could pave the way for Romulus to become headquarters for minor league sports in the state of Michigan - if the projects come to fruition.

The city is one of several sites under consideration for a 1.6 million square foot sports and entertainment facility, according to an announcement made by a group of investors called Metro Sports Center LLC Tuesday.

Mayor Alan Lambert, who did not attend the press conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Romulus, said he "would love to talk about the development more."

"I do think it fits in with our overall plans," he said. "The bottom line is that (the developers) need to come to us."

If the 12,000-seat stadium is built in the city - and other plans for a minor league baseball park - materialize, it would bring the trifecta of minor league sports to Romulus: baseball, basketball, and hockey.

Arena football would also come to the city, according to the plans presented by Metro Sports Center LLC.

Entertainment has loomed as a big theme in the city for several years. A proposed horse racing track and casino near Vining Road are working their way through the federal approvals process.

Those two projects would help serve as anchors for the "Airport City" concept touted by the county, and if the Metro Sports Center ultimately chooses another site, it's not going to derail the city's plans, said Lambert.

"We have other things we're looking at regarding sports and entertainment, and we hope to be able to make an announcement later this year," he said.

Chief among those plans are ongoing talks with Bear Creek Capital, which is one of the major developers for the Metro World mixed-use development that would surround the

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Commission mulls plan to buy building

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

The Guardian Building in downtown Detroit sits less than 400 feet from the Old Wayne County Building, but Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano has found there are some roadblocks in a potential move.

Ficano wants the county to buy the Guardian Building for \$14 million, pending the approval of the purchase agreement by the Wayne County Commission. Jewel Ware, the commission chair, said the executive is pressuring the body to move on the plan too quickly when it set a deadline for approval for Aug. 17.

Last week, the commission hired a consultant to study the plan, which also would include the purchase of the First Street Parking Deck for \$17 million and a nearby vacant 30,000 square foot office building for \$2 million.

Commissioner Kevin McNamara said commissioners still haven't seen all the documents relating to the purchase.

"This purchase decision, it's a long term deal. It calls for abandoning possibly three major office buildings in Detroit to move into the Guardian Building, and we have not received the full financial package yet from the executive office."

He said it was hard to see how the Wayne County Building would be re-used if the county left.

"We spent \$25 million renovating this county building. We finally have it just right, and they look at purchasing a 40-story, 80-year-old brick-and-mortar building. I worry about the cost of updating and upkeeping that building when we have a perfectly good building here."

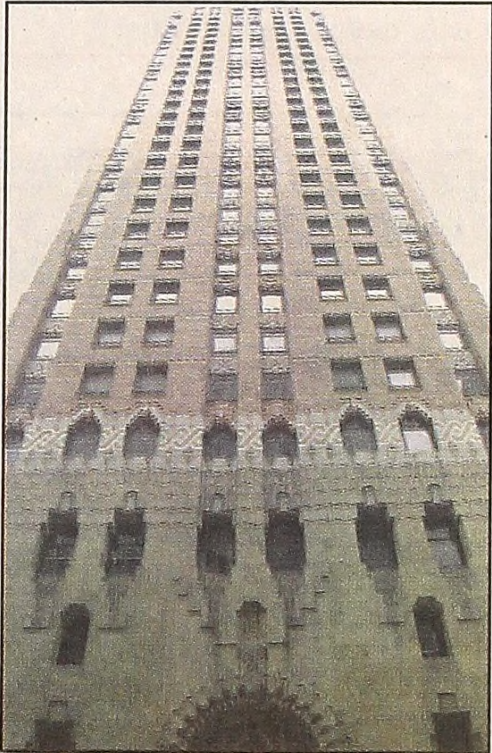
Ficano has noted excessive rent—upwards of \$5 million annually—in the decision to purchase the Guardian Building for about \$14.5 million. Ficano has said he would use bonds to buy the properties.

County workers are now spread among several buildings. The Old Wayne County Building, featured prominently as the county logo, still houses the offices of the county executive and commissioners.

The Old Wayne County Building Partnership, the group that owns the historic five-story structure, has offered a new lease proposal in an effort to keep the county as tenants.

"They're still way off the mark," said Commissioner Laura Cox, whose district includes the Northvilles and the Plymouths. "With the CEO's deal, if it is what it is, then that's a good deal and we should take advantage of a buyer's market."

Dennis Niemiec, county spokesperson, said the purchase agreement doesn't pre-



County Executive Robert Ficano has proposed purchasing the Guardian Building.

clude due diligence, and just shows the buyer they are serious.

The county has a history of disputes with the ownership of the Wayne County Building. Niemiec said an independent examination of bills the county paid since 1999 determined it had been overcharged \$6 million in management fees and other items. The current lease expires in October.

"We've paid over \$100 million in this building we feel we should own it," said Niemiec, who added an independent appraiser valued the county building at just \$1 million with a tenant. "It's really from a business standpoint not that difficult a decision."

As a commissioner, McNamara, whose district includes Canton Township, Van Buren Township, Belleville and Wayne, also has an office at the majestic structure at 600 Randolph, and would prefer to keep it there. Like Cox, McNamara is awaiting the consultant's findings.

"As much as I don't want to move, I want to know the truth so I can make a decision," said McNamara. "The partnership has offered a \$1 per square foot lease and a pay down of the \$7.75 million existing mortgage over 10 years."

It is possible that even if a new lease proposal is brokered, the county may still move ahead with the Guardian purchase.

"They're not tied together," said Niemiec.

One of the most distinctive skyscrapers in Detroit, the Guardian Building opened in 1929 and underwent renovation projects in 1988 and 2003.



The old Wayne County building has been a downtown landmark since it opened in 1897.

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Washtenaw prosecutor will assess judge's case

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Washtenaw County prosecutors will decide whether 22nd District Court Judge Sylvia A. James will face charges for having a loaded weapon in her carry-on luggage at Detroit Metropolitan Airport two weeks ago.

Matthew Friendway, a spokesman for Attorney General Mike Cox, said the incident report was forwarded to the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office after Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy submitted a request for a special prosecutor to assess whether James should face

charges.

"We received (Worthy's request) and forwarded it onto the Washtenaw office, which is typically what happens in cases like this (where there could be conflict)," he said. "This is not unusual."

Under Michigan law, the attorney general can either elect to proceed on the matter or appoint a special prosecuting attorney, though Friendway called the prospect of his office following up on it "unlikely."

James, the chief Judge of the 22nd District Court for about 18 years, was stopped at a passenger checkpoint at the McNamara Terminal as she prepared to board

a flight July 28.

Wayne County Airport Police detained her after the gun was discovered in her purse.

James said she told investigators she carries the gun for protection because there have been several recent threats on her life, and forgot it was in her purse. She has a valid Concealed Weapons Permit, and the gun was properly registered.

Airport police investigators submitted a warrant request for James arrest days after the incident. Wayne County prosecutors announced last Tuesday that they would seek the appointment of a special prosecutor because of a

personal friendship between James and Worthy.

Steven J. Hiller, the deputy Washtenaw County prosecutor, confirmed his office received the request, and said the Airport Police paperwork was under review.

"I can't really say how long it's going to take, and I haven't seen the police report myself," he said. "Sometimes a review can take days, or it can take several months, depending on the issue."

James on Tuesday said she's awaiting a final determination, and that she believes the outcome will be in her favor. Airport officials say James has cooperated



Judge Sylvia A. James

fully with the investigation.

Outside of the courts, James could face fines up to \$7,500 levied by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.



Special thanks

The Public Service Credit Union (PSCU) had a special visitor at the main office on Aug. 4. Lucas Monte, 4, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, came in to personally thank the employees of PSCU for helping organize and raise money to help his family during the time of his treatments. In June, employees agreed to dress casually every Friday and donate \$5 to the Lucas Monte Cancer Fund. Many employees gave more than the minimum every week and even extended it into July. Dean Trudeau (pictured above), the CEO of PSCU, presented the family a \$579 check on behalf of the employees. Lucas and his mom, Jill Monte, came in Friday to present the staff a special thank you "card," that Lucas made himself. Donations are still being accepted at: Lucas Monte Cancer Fund c/o Public Service Credit Union, 7665 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Grave issue Cemetery fee increases considered

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It may cost a few more dollars to spend eternity in the city of Romulus.

Romulus City Council members will consider raising the price of plots and the costs of opening and closing the gravesites at Romulus Memorial Cemetery, which is located at Shook and Tobine roads.

City Clerk Linda Choate said she has recommended the city raise the price of a plot from \$225 to \$500 to accommodate for cost increases the city has shouldered since 1981 – the last time the city increased prices for the plots.

"It's been 26 years since there's been a price increase, and of course, costs for labor have gone up substantially since then," she said.

Choate also recommended increasing the grave opening cost by \$200 each. Currently, the price for grave openings on Monday through Friday is \$725. On Saturday, the cost is set at \$925, and holidays cost \$1,125. Those prices were set in 1990.

Department of Public Service workers, who perform all duties on the cemetery site except setting gravestones, maintain the grounds.

City officials want to keep offering reasonable rates for grieving families, but would like to at least have some of the costs it incurs covered, said Councilman William Crova.

"We should look at other cemeteries to see what they're charging," he said.

Choate said her department did a survey of municipal cemeteries, and found that Romulus charges substantially less for gravesites.

"There were some municipalities that charged less for the

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**City Clerk
Linda Choate**

grave openings, but they were already charging \$500 or \$600 for the plot," she said.

Because of the sensitive nature of burial costs, the city has traditionally been reluctant to raise rates. Opening and closing costs for the burial of infants has gone largely unchanged since 1981 because it only takes one public service employee to bury a child, and the council felt in 1990 that raising rates would be prohibitively expensive for young families – who often incur medical costs for a sick child, Choate said.

City officials first explored raising the present rates in 1999, but no action has been taken.

To address the cost factors and other issues at the cemetery, city council members agreed to meet there at 6 p.m. on Aug. 27, Choate said.

Any increases to costs at the cemetery will have to be approved by a majority vote of the council.

Based on information obtained from that visit and what the clerk has already provided, the council will make a decision about the rates, or seek more information.

No timeline has been set for a vote.

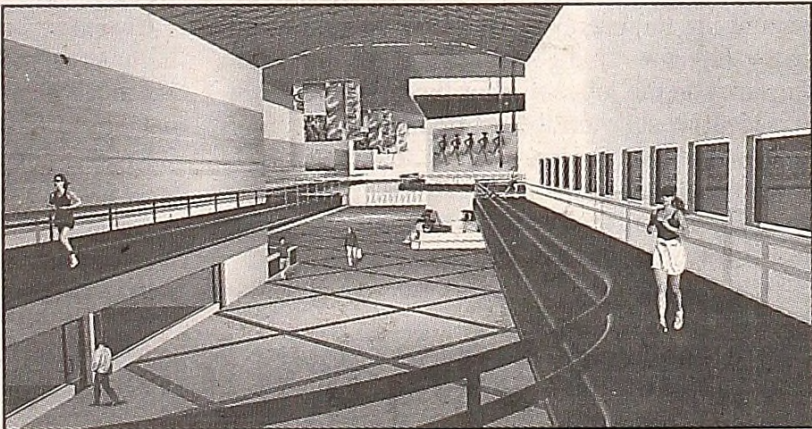
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the final execution of a land purchase agreement will take place. According to information provided by American Capital Holdings, the end lien holder will enter into an agreement to pay back a 25-year loan to the tune of \$167 million.

In addition to investment, the center could also bring 1,200 jobs to the immediate area, both in construction and to staff the facility when it's completed.

The group has also secured an operating agreement with Baker Leisure Group to manage the facility on a day-to-day basis,



An interior view shows a mile-long running track.

according to Vaughn.

The planning approval process – a necessary step for those looking to develop land or building within the city – is typically a long process, especially for larger projects. Lambert said the develop-

ers have not yet appeared before the planning commission, but added that he's be interested to learn more about the project as it was presented Tuesday.

"We look forward to talking about it further," he said.

space, but the decision was made last year to widen the area that would be earmarked for entertainment and retail purposes. A baseball park would potentially be located at Wick and Vining roads, near the proposed casino.

Another stadium in addition to the potential Bear Creek project would be a harbinger for good in the city and Wayne County, which has suffered from job losses for the past five

years and a lag in economic development, Lambert said.

"We get tired of looking at all of that vacant land over by the airport," he said. "We need to have development over there; we need more tax base."

Jacquelyn Vaughn, a spokesperson for Metro Sport Center, declined to say how many other sites are under consideration for the project. She also declined to say when a final decision is expected.

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Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"We're still talking right now, but I would say negotiations are going smoothly," he said.

Metro World Center is a concept that would cover a 73-acre area of vacant land.

Initially the concept included some office and technology

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OPINION

The campaign begins

Once again, Primary Tuesday brought some familiar stories. A few voters, inspired by a lackluster effort on the part of candidates not yet sure if they should spend any real money or put forth a concerted effort, turned out to send half the candidates onto the November ballot. It makes sense, in a way, nobody wants to put in a lot of time only to be told 'no.'

Now the 'real' campaigning starts. Hopefully, the mid-slugging will not.

There's the potential for negative campaigning everywhere and hotly contested elections in places like Westland and Inkster and the current political climate in Belleville could make things interesting, as well.

It's still early yet, and we've yet to see the gloves come off, but we would much rather see a campaign run on the issues, not showboating, impractical political platitudes or merely pointing out the deficiencies of one's competitors or questioning their motives for seeking office.

These are local elections and we feel they should set the standard for the political process. There's no need to go on the attack when you can merely state your own goals and ideals and let the voters sort them out for themselves. They are, by and large, pretty smart.

For those who didn't make the cut on Tuesday, we offer our thanks and wish you better luck next time.

For those that did, congratulations. You're halfway home. And for both the winners and losers and those who are pondering a run for office in the future, let's keep it clean.

Unfortunate, but necessary

There was really only one outcome from the Belleville City Council meeting on Monday night that would have helped move the city forward.

It's a sad thing, but Walter Mears had to go.

It wasn't about his credentials or his job performance; it wasn't even about the resolution from the council he ignored—although that was a big part of it. It was because—for whatever reason—he was too polarizing a figure.

You could see it in the little things that preceded the discussion of the resolution to terminate his employment. At each meeting, one of the first items on the agenda is a council follow-up list, where the manager reports progress on issues brought up by the council, or answers questions asked at earlier meetings.

They talked about the Strawberry Festival, and George Chedraue and Kereen Conley questioned why Mears hadn't responded the way they wanted him to. His supporters defended him, and took a swipe or two at their colleagues.

It was the same with an ongoing issue over the use of city credit cards, two sides taking subtle potshots at each other over the effectiveness of a man who they once all agreed could do the job.

These kinds of things would have continued. It's not a productive atmosphere and it would have been difficult for anyone to get anything accomplished. It would not have been a healthy environment or an adequate representation of the overall condition of the city and the mind set of the majority of its citizens.

It's unfortunate because there were plenty of indications from employees who worked with Mears on a daily basis and those who served on other city boards that he was doing a good job.

It's still important to remember that he caused part of this fiasco by ignoring the resolution from his council to submit his credentials. It

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The human side of politics

I gained a new respect for Walter Mears on Monday night.

He sat stoically in the midst of a verbal thunderstorm as people alternately questioned his credentials, praised his work, threw out rumors and insulted each other.

He didn't show any emotion until near the end of the three-hour ordeal, when his wife, Purba, got up to speak.

She talked about an unlikely pairing—Mears a Christian with aspirations of being a preacher, herself a Hindu. She talked about a man who put his personal dreams on hold in order to better care for his wife and young child. She talked about a man with a passion for his city, who wanted to serve as the city manager despite her objections.

He wiped away tears as even she broke down, citing a portion of The Lord's Prayer against those who have for months sought to impugn his reputation and integrity.

It's easy to lose track of the human side of things when we're talking about people in public office. I know, they give up a certain degree of that when they take on the job—whether through an election to a local or state entity or appointment to a job funded through taxpayer dollars. It's important to remember though, that at some level, people take on these difficult tasks because of an overriding desire to serve. Well, in a perfect world, anyway.

I didn't know what to expect Monday night. My

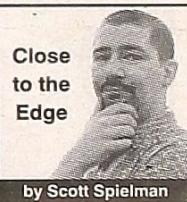
big issue—reflected in our editorial—was his apparent disregard for a resolution approved by the city council for him to show his educational credentials. Once you get into a situation where a city manager ignores a direct order from his or her council, no good can come from it. He may have thought he had a good reason—thought it unnecessary because he was already in the job—but sometimes you have to give up the little fights to win the big ones.

I tried to find out what he was thinking, too. I stopped by unannounced at his office and left a message with both an office number and cell number. He called back, missed me, but then didn't return subsequent calls.

I've become a bit of a cynic in that I believe when people don't call back after repeated attempts, they don't want to talk and they don't want to talk because they have something to hide. Maybe I was wrong in that.

Given the way everything has transpired during the last few months, I don't think the city council had much choice in the matter. I do think, though, that the city has lost out on an opportunity.

I take comfort in knowing more about his religious background. Things will work out and hopefully sooner rather than later. I hope, too, that he can find a place where he'll be judged by who he is, not by what people say about him.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Athletes' new best friend...water

It's no secret that it's been hot lately.

Considering there was a span in mid-July where the temperatures barely crept into the 80s, we can't really complain. But last week and this week were way too hot. I can say I hardly envy fall sports participants.

This week marked the start of football and girls' golf practices for high school athletes. Next week boys' soccer, cross country and boys' tennis join in the fray.

Words of advice:

Talk quietly and carry a big bottle of water—several actually.

My grandma used to say: "Water, water all around, but never a drop to drink."

Sorry grandma but...baloney! Sure the adage has a deeper meaning when you dig beyond the surface. At face value it means very little. She used to also say: "Holy mackerel!" when astonished by something and "Heavens to Mergatroid!" when disappointed, which was usually in me—a lot. Neither of those aphorisms really make much sense either.

Maybe in Mergatroid, wherever or whatever that might be, water was hard to come by but the mack-

erel had to come from somewhere. Right?

Anyway, water couldn't be easier to come by today and is the athlete's greatest friend this time of the year. Take your pick. Bottled water comes in a rainbow of colors and variety of flavors and packed with vitamins, oxygen, energy enhancers, electrolytes, minerals and who knows what else. The most important thing is to drink it—preferably the clean and clear kind.

Back in the day—the day when mackerel were still called mackerel and the cartoon lion Snagglepuss was scratching his head muttering something about Mergatroid in the late 50s and early 60s—it was originally preached, for reasons unknown, to athletes not to take in water during workouts and games. There is no scientific foundation to this claim as stated in the document "Heat Stress & Athletic Participation" provided by the National Federation of State High School Association and found at the Michigan High School



From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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LETTERS

A good time was had by all'

To the editor:
The Northside Hardware Store on the corner of Wayne Road and Glenwood was the place to be during business hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 26-28. Their annual sidewalk sales drew people from all over the area—young and old and everyone in between. They were dressed in casual clothes, mostly jeans and t-shirts, shorts and tops, baggy pants and even one strutting around in a diaper. After looking at all the sales of hardware products, they headed for the side area where you could buy your hot dog for 25 cents and get a cola for free. How much more could you ask for? It was a great day for meeting old neighbors, new kids and some of the kind sales people from inside of the store. Everyone seemed to be enjoying meeting new neighbors and maybe a person they had worked with. Some of the merchants in the area should take a look at this very neighborly way of inviting people in for a good time and making a few bucks on

the hardware or on other things.
Jean Driskell,
Westland
Mike Carne remembered
To the editor:
Thank you for sharing your memories of Mike Carne on your blog. I met him back in 1975 when he lived in the basement of an old house where we both had apartments in Ypsilanti while attending EMU. He and his roommate, as well as a third friend (another Mike) used to play guitar, sing, and tell jokes, much to my delight. I was 19 at the time. I'm 51 now. I have never seen a group of guys who could tell jokes and make puns at a more rapid-fire pace. Last week I got a call from the third friend, who now lives in the Seattle suburbs, letting me know that he had passed away. I live in the Chicago suburbs. When I Google-searched for an obituary, your blog entry was all I found, so it was especially welcome. It's great to know that Eddie had so

many friends and co-workers who appreciated his charm, sweetness, brilliance, and humor. And it's touching to think that after all these years, I could still recognize him from your description. I don't know the life expectancy of an iguana, but he had one in a 5-foot-wide, floor-to-ceiling chicken-wire silo in his kitchen back in about 1977. So you can probably guess that I grinned when you mentioned him devoting an entire room to iguana habitat. I read a quote once that said something like, "The older you get,

more like yourself you become." I suppose that's true for all of us. If you know of an actual obituary, or any photos on-line, or have a contact address where I could write to his family and send my condolences, I'll appreciate it. Thanks again for posting your tribute. Some people are especially memorable and dear, no matter how many years have passed since we've seen them.
Barb Johns,
Illinois

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Water

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Athletic Association website www.mhsaa.com. It has been proven that without water in high-heat situations the body can and will most likely suffer heat cramps, heat syncope, heat exhaustion or heat stroke or all of the above. Due to the equipment needed in football most of the heat relat-

ed health issues are associated with that sport. From 1995-2005 there were 19 high school heat stroke deaths, according to "Heat Stress & Athletic Participation." Water tops the list of what should be slurped up on the sidelines. But other approved fluid "replacers" include Gatorade, 10k, Quickick and Max. Since 1965 Gatorade, with its mix of water, flavor and beneficial carbohydrates and electrolytes, is the leading sports

drink available. Again take your pick from original, Rain, Frost, X-Factor, Fierce, Xtremo and A.M. I'll even drink this stuff up in the cheap seats at football games. That is until the temps cool down and I trade it in for coffee—not recommend for athletes. So, there you have it: Water, water (and sometimes sports drinks) all around...and plenty enough to go around. So, holy mackerel, drink it up. Heavens to Megatroid!

Manager

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would have set a bad precedent had the city council not acted on that, which would be labeled as blatant insubordination elsewhere. The important question now is where should the council go from here? They'll need a new manager, of course, but that won't solve the overall problem. They need

to find a way to put their differences aside or, barring that, at least find a way to disagree and still work together. Name calling won't help, neither will leaving during the middle of meetings or stepping down during the middle of one's term to give someone else a chance. They need to find a way to come together and get on with the real business of local government—moving their community forward.

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Area seniors prepare for county senior Olympics

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Seniors of Van Buren Township are gearing-up once again for the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

More than 53 Belleville area residents have signed up for the event, according to Linda Combs, director of the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township and officer of the event committee.

"It's a pretty good turnout of people, more than last year," she said.

Communities participating in the Western Wayne County Olympics include: Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Canton Township, Inkster, Northville, Northville Township, Wayne, Westland,

Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Garden City, Livonia, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

Canton Township, the host of the Olympics, will house the opening ceremony, expo and torch lighting; baking contest; Fun Walk; 5K run; softball throw; ring toss; football toss; Frisbee toss and soccer kick at Heritage Park, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The basketball shoot and shuffleboard will take place at Van Buren Township.

"The first year was our biggest response because we were the host community, but it's still going to be a good turnout," said Combs.

A breakfast prior to the opening ceremony will also take place at 9 a.m. on Aug. 20 at

Heritage Park hosted by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"We're very excited," said Janet Brady, program supervisor of the Canton Township Senior Center. "We've had more than 400 people sign-up from all the communities for at least one event this year."

"Some are ready to go to certain events, since it's the third annual and, some are excited about trying new things that they didn't get to in the past years," she added. "Many seniors have signed up for more than one activity."

Other events include: euchre, tennis, horseshoes, golf, swimming, pinochle and party bridge, billiards, bocce and bowling. New this year will be creative writing, photography and art,

biking, table tennis and volleyball.

"We wanted to plan some different activities and events that we hoped would bring in the non-athletic participants," said Brady. "For our younger seniors—50-59-years-old—we added the biking so we can get them involved more, too."

Awards for the first, second and third place medal winners will be given at the banquet at noon on Aug. 24 at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

Combs said overall, the Olympics are about giving seniors a sense of accomplishment and community.

"If they stay active physically and mentally their overall health is better," she said.

"It gets people to know each other in other communities, too."

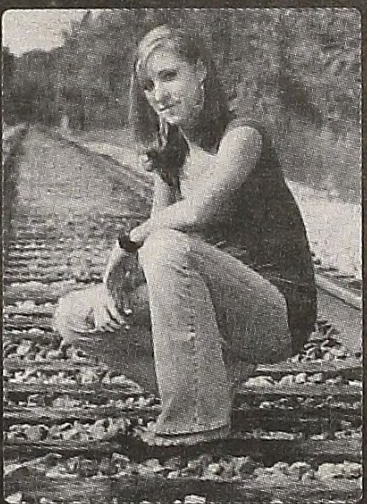
Whatever sport they may like they're able to make a bond with others and play in their community," said Brady. "Some of the seniors are so enthused and determined. Some even compete nationally. Everyone is welcome to come out, watch, bring signs and support their family and friends."

For more information, contact the Canton Township Senior Center at (734) 394-5485 or the September Days Senior Center at (734) 699-8918.



Seniors of Van Buren Township are gearing-up once again for the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics which will take place on Aug. 20-24. This year, the township will host the basketball shoot and shuffleboard portions of the event.

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THE SCENE

The Bourne Ultimatum

Third film is best of action packed trilogy

Unlike some of the year's big-budget trilogies, (*Spider-man*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*) the third installment of the Bourne series is better than its predecessors.

In *The Bourne Ultimatum*, Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) finds the answers about his past that he has spent three years—and two movies (*Bourne Identity*, *Bourne Supremacy*)—attempting to find.

'Ultimatum' begins with Bourne eluding authorities in Moscow after he brought to justice those responsible for framing him of murder in the second film. He leaves Russia and arrives in London to meet with the brother of his slain girlfriend. After reading a story from a British reporter who discovered information about the initial CIA-covert training program that caused Bourne's amnesia, Bourne decides to track down the journalist.

When they meet, after an incredible display of spy tradecraft and physical defense by Bourne, the reporter quickly tells Bourne that he was the first person to undergo behavior modification as a part of a program code

named Treadstone, now upgraded to something even more sinister called Blackbriar. Bourne finds enough information to track the reporter's informant to Spain, where he is forced to use his combat skills against CIA operatives with orders to kill him.

At the CIA station chief's office, Bourne encounters Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles) who once again helps him escape an impossible situation. The two obviously have a past that Bourne does not recall, much to Nicky's dismay, and perhaps that is why fate continues to place them together. Her decision to help proves costly—she is forced to flee and live in exile as she is now the target of a government "asset".

Just as Parsons seems to be always there, so is Special Agent Pamela Landy (Joan Allen) who is seemingly the only high ranking official who wants to capture Bourne alive, or who has a shred of morality.

Through a series of chases through Europe, Eastern Asia and North Africa, Bourne arrives at New York City,

ironically at the point where *Supremacy* left off. (I recommend watching the two previous Bourne films on DVD before viewing *Ultimatum*)

The climax involves a confrontation that leads to the heads of the CIA and a cover-up that would shock even avid conspiracy theorists.

The series of films is based on thrillers from the legendary Robert Ludlum. Fans of the first two will find much to like here—high profile locations, crazy chase scenes and plenty of action. Through it all, Damon manages to make us believe the impossible is possible and we can't help but root for him to escape and track down the conspirators. The chase scenes and the stunts are a bit over the top, but they sure are fun to watch.

While the identity of Jason Bourne is revealed, the cliffhanger moment at the end of the film that could be the start of another film, but my guess is that *Ultimatum* is the end of the series.

Too bad, because it was a sure-fire thrill ride.

Reviewed By
Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer



Foundation awards scholarships to 9 students

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Paying for college became a little easier for nine area students after they were selected as beneficiaries of the annual Westland Community Foundation scholarship program.

According to Glenn Shaw, president and founder of the group, the scholarship program began about 15 years ago as way to help students focused on a career technical or vocational training who might be overlooked by traditional scholarship opportunities.

The group was able to distribute \$7,500 in scholarship funding to the students during the July 26 Christmas in July event, an annual foundation fundraiser.

"All of our money goes right back into Westland," said Shaw.

According to a written statement, the foundation program awards are "intended for students who may not necessarily be interested in attending a traditional four-year universities or similar post-secondary institution, but possibly a community college or training institution in order to enhance their skills."

"We felt there was a void there," said Shaw. "We've given away about \$140,000-\$150,000 so far"

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa—who was involved in awarding the scholarships—said one of the real highlights of the program is the

way it makes the scholarships accessible to virtually any student with a desire to continue their education.

"This year we didn't have as many students apply, but I think it may have been our strongest group ever," said Liepa.

He said that the committee ultimately selected six students to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

John Glenn High School graduate Jasmine Flowers plans to attend Norfolk State University with the assistance she received from the Westland Community Foundation. She plans to become a physical therapist or a physician's assistant.

Bryan Henley, also a John Glenn alumnus, plans to put the \$1,000 scholarship he earned toward further instruction at Henry Ford Community College in pursuit of a career in automotive technology.

For Amanda Lewis, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate focused on receiving a degree in nursing, the money will help pay for school at Henry Ford Community College.

Bradley Noyes accepted a \$1,000 scholarship to help further his education in the fields of construction, carpentry, and construction management. The John Glenn High School graduate will now study at Henry Ford Community College.

A career in speech pathology will become a little easier to come



Nine Westland teens received scholarship checks from the Westland Community Foundation last month at the annual Christmas in July event. The foundation is also selling tickets to win a two-year lease on a 2007 F 150 truck from Jack Demmer Ford to help fund the altruistic efforts of the group. The next fundraiser planned is the annual September golf outing.

by for Angela Reinke, too. A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School in Livonia, she received \$1,000 to help pay for further education.

The organization also provided John Glenn High School graduate Brittany Saville with the Centimark Scholarship, named in honor of one of the prime foundation sponsors. She plans to use the money to help pay for training in the field of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College.

According to Shaw, the community foundation has an agreement with Schoolcraft College in which the college matches the scholarship for any student who is awarded funds from the foundation and enrolls in the school. That way, he said, the student receives up to \$2,000 in scholarships—enough to finance about two years of study.

Three additional students were provided with \$500 scholarships to help subsidize their educations. Wayne Memorial High School

graduate Nicole Bouren will attend Schoolcraft College in preparation for a career in veterinary technology. Patricia Rivera, a former John Glenn High School student, plans to utilize the money to help fine-tune her art skills at the College for Creative Studies. Wayne Memorial alumnus Marissa Williams will receive training at the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology to help prepare her for a career as an electrical engineer.

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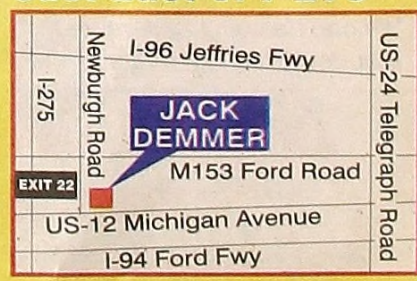
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SPORTS

Great Scots, Part 2

Celtic football returns to Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Rab McNab walked among the 10- and 11-year-old girls like a jolly giant clad in green.

"R-A-B M-C-N-A-B, Rab McNab," he repeated to the girls in a thick Scottish accent.

"What?" was the response he heard each time. After a few smiles and laughs by all parties, the exchanges didn't matter because it was back to soccer—or football, rather—where nothing was lost in translation.

After receiving positive feedback following last year's successful soccer camp with the Celtic Football Club—a Scottish soccer team from Glasgow, Scotland—it was inevitable the Canton Soccer Club would invite the Celtics back for part two.

"We were hoping when we did it last year that it wouldn't be a one-time type of deal," said Pete Alexander, the director of the Canton Soccer Club. "The feedback that we got back from the parents and the kids was tremendous."

"When you run a huge camp like this you expect a fair share of criticism or negative comments. We did a survey and, to be completely honest with you, we did not receive one negative comment on the camp last year. The response from the kids was that they pretty much demanded these guys come back."

Last year's participants got what they asked for and 11 Celtic players—male and female—converged on Independence Park in Canton Township last week to instruct a series of clinics for more than 400 participants this year.

For the Celtic Club the advantages are two-fold, according to Celtic Player Mark Reid. They have the joy of teaching youth a game they love with hopes of gaining fans for the Celtic club along the way.

"It gives us a chance to show the youth in America a European style of play," he

added. "Hopefully a lot of these kids will become Celtic supporters and follow us and watch our games. And maybe we can help pass on a few things and help them get a scholarship or go and play for a club team and maybe help Canton win a competition somewhere."

Despite the thick accents, when it comes to soccer little is lost on the field between the different cultures.

"I think football is a universal sport—it's a simple game," Reid said. "Along with the explaining, there's also showing them. And the kids just pick it up. If you show them, they will absorb it. They are doing well with the accents and I think some of them are adopting some Scottish ones as well."

The camp usually caters to club participants up to the U14 age group but because of the success of last year and the build up to the camp this year, a squad of U16 boys joined the camp, hoping to learn from some of the best in the world.

"We heard the Celtic players were doing it and thought that it would be a good learning experience," said 16-year-old Nick Schreiber. "Celtic is a well-known club and they sponsor us and we thought that it would be very cool to learn from them."

Schreiber's teammate, Chad Osier, 16, noticed a difference between American and European play right away.

"The play is much quicker than we're used to," Osier said. "It's more two-touch. We've been learning the basic skills of soccer, which will help us in the long run to make us better players. We've also learned to work together and better as a team—to build the chemistry."

After a strong second-year of Celtic camp it looks like the relationship will continue to grow, according to Alexander.

"We hope that we can do this every year," Alexander said. "They (the Celtics) have been great. They're just a wonderful group of coaches. I think it is a great kick

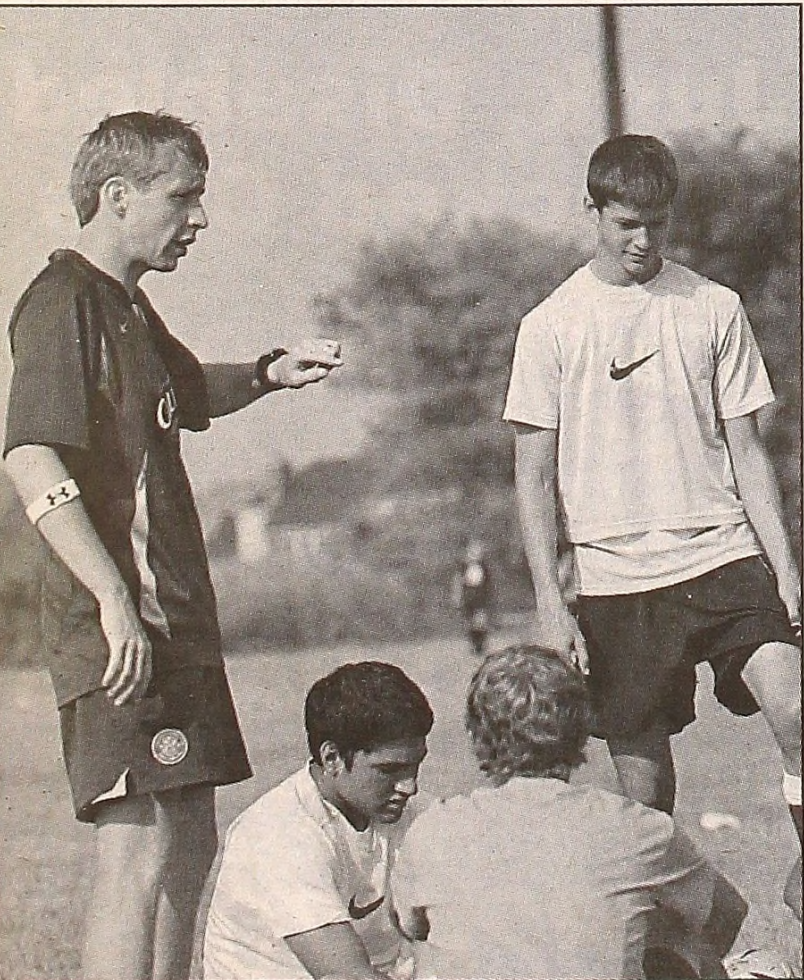


Canton Soccer Club participants took part in a camp with a range of activities run by the Celtic Football Club out of Glasgow, Scotland last week. This was the second consecutive year that the Scottish soccer club visited Canton.

off for the year. For us it's really the beginning of the soccer year."

"I just think that it is a great experi-

ence. Kids walk away from this week and they're ready to play; they're fired up about the game again."



Celtic spokesperson Mark Reid talks over strategy with the U16 boys—their first time working with the historic Scottish football club.



Celtic camp coach Rab McNab works with the Canton Soccer Club U11 girls last week at camp.

SPORTS

Plymouth Whalers sign draft pick Tom Kane

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers' defense got a whole lot stronger last week.

The Whaler organization just signed defenseman Tom Kane, who was selected by the Whalers in the 3rd round (53rd overall) of the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

"We're excited to have Tom

in Plymouth," said Mike Vellucci, president, general manager and head coach. "He's a strong, physical, stay-at-home defenseman who should develop into a good player."

Kane, who hails from Thunder Bay, Ontario, played last season for the Thunder Bay Bearcats of the Superior International Junior Hockey League in Northern Ontario. There, the 6-foot-3, 210-pounder

scored a goal with nine assists for 10 points and 160 penalty minutes in 42 games. Kane was voted the Bearcats' Rookie of the Year last season as the only 16-year-old player on the roster.

Kane, who patterns his play after defenseman Scott Stevens, helped take the Bearcats to a 29-17-1-3 record during the regular season in the SIJHL. The league champion Schreiber Diesels eliminated

the team in the first round of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the OHL champion Whalers are preparing for the upcoming 2007-08 season. Training camp is set to start on Wed. Aug. 29 with the first pre-season game Saturday, Sept. 1 against the Windsor Spitfires at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth's home opener is at 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22

against Erie. The Whalers will raise their OHL championship banner before the start of the game.

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Detroit Ignition gets new Spark

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Detroit Ignition has selected the 16 women who will comprise the 2007-08 edition of the club's official dance team, The Spark.

Dance team hopefuls participated in open auditions and interviews before the final auditions, which took place on Friday, July 27 at Tequila Rain in Novi. The latest edition of The Spark consists of 11 newcomers and five returning dancers from the squad's inaugural campaign.

Returning for the 2007-08 Spark campaign are: Bethany Amann, Darcy Bemis, Nicole

Blaszczyk, Ashley Mears and Christina Wilson. New to the squad this season are: Natalie Brede, Jade DeBiasi, Ashley Gajos, Lisa Kanapsky, Heather Lawrence, Cristy MacCoy, Jillian May, Allie Ruben, Jillian Satterlee, Amanda Siemieniak and Kathy White.

The Spark is a professional dance team that focuses on energy, enthusiasm, crowd appeal, fan interaction, and game day performances. The Spark performs at all Detroit Ignition home games, as well as at numerous special events and fundraisers throughout the year.

Melissa Adam, a member of the inaugural Spark squad, was

named the team's new In-Arena hostess. Adam will serve as emcee for all Detroit Ignition home games, circulating through the stands and interacting with the audience during game stoppages.

The Detroit Ignition begins the second season in October after advancing to the MISL Championship Finals during the 2006-07 season.

Information regarding Ignition season, group, and individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the official Internet, www.detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at 248-645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

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1. Obituaries



JACKSON-MCDONALD, Doris Vonciel, age 85, died July 20, 2007. She was born June 16, 1922. Doris leaves behind three loving children, Brenda Hill, Bruce (Georgia) Hill and Tommy (Lisa) Uddyback; grandchildren: Alan (Janice) Fields, Lori Nelson, Tracey (Nate) Davis, Roni (Ollie Jr.) Belcher, Niki Moore, Lesli Hill, Ryan Moore, Lee Uddyback, Danielle (Vensen) Dix, Joel, Ciara, Seth and Caleb Uddyback (Bruce Wayne Hill, Jr. preceded her in death); seventeen great grandchildren; siblings, Mrs. Tommie Cunningham, Lewie, Ronald and Warren Jackson and Le Ila Stone (Rollins and Carolyn Jackson preceded her in death as children); and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who loved her and will miss her dearly. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor Hiram McBurrows Jr. officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

MANN, Lucille Hazel August 1, 2007 age 84 of Belleville. Beloved wife of the late Paul F. Mann. Dear mother of the late James (Michele). Grandmother of Cathey (Steven) Walker and Todd (Tammy) Mann. Great grandmother of Zachary James and Wyatt Wayne Walker, Samantha Ward, Brittiany (Justin) Bradley, Savanna and Stephanie Waite. Great Great Grandmother of Gage Bradley and Brenden Nausley. Predeceased by siblings Maybelle Wanta, Ila Rabehl, Miriam Griebel, Lucy Kous, Dolly Starks, Lydia Ptaschinski, Charles and Ashley Starks. Service were held Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Denton Cemetery. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

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systems; application of SAP, ETC, and DDX systems for data management in the development of vehicle lighting products; 3D modeling for vehicle lighting systems using Unigraphics and Catia V5; analysis and implementation of FMVSS and SAE automotive lighting rules and regulations; creation and execution of design FMEA for vehicle lighting systems and components. Reference #DE/GG-1.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether it's tucked in the latest trendy tote or a humble brown bag, lunch is often a high point in a child's day. Although today there are more choices than ever for fun foods to pop into that lunch sack, the time-honored favorite is still the all-American sandwich.

That sandwich represents a challenging balancing act for parents packing lunch: kids have to love it and it should also deliver good nutrition. To be a classroom champion, kids need to power up with nutrient-rich foods.

"Great taste is the key to getting kids to make more nutritious choices at lunchtime," said Connie Diekman, director of university nutrition for Washington University in St. Louis. "Making a nutritious sandwich the kids will enjoy starts with choosing the right bread." Diekman recommends looking for 100 percent whole grain bread that delivers the nutrition kids need, but with a soft texture and smooth taste that kids really like.

It pays to read labels carefully. Many wheat breads on the market are not made with whole wheat, but with enriched wheat flour with a nutritional profile similar to white bread. "Sara Lee Soft & Smooth 100% Honey Wheat Bread is an excellent source of whole grain, and offers a spectrum of choices. Even picky eaters can have the mild taste and soft, smooth texture they prefer, without sacrificing nutrition," Diekman said. A two-slice sandwich with Soft & Smooth 100% Honey Wheat Bread provides 28 grams of whole grain — more than half of the recommended 48 grams of whole grain per day.

Kids — and adults — do not, however, live by bread alone. When it comes to fruit and vegetables — more matters. Nutrition experts like Diekman encourage everyone to eat more fresh produce. Research studies reveal better attention span and discipline in the classroom among kids who eat more fruits and vegetables.

"A simple way for kids — and adults — to eat a healthy diet is to have a rainbow of color on your plate everyday," Diekman said. When packing lunch for kids, provide them with healthy choices they already love, like strawberries. A kid-favorite fruit, strawberries provide sustained energy levels, are naturally sweet and have very few calories.

"Strawberries are a great way to 'eat your red.' Plus, a daily serving of 8 medium strawberries provides 160 percent of your day's supply of vitamin C — more than an orange," Diekman said. "It's an easy and tasty way to help ward off colds, the flu and help keep your child's immune system strong."

Put a smile in every lunchbox this school year with a yummy, nutritious sandwich that kids will love and one you'll feel great fixing for them. Add a fun side dish and don't forget to drop in a quick note, joke, quote or other surprise that kids can look forward to everyday.

Spending 20 years in a creative classroom with kids has given Kit Bennett, founder of AmazingMoms.com, a rich perspective on what engages kids — even at lunch time. "Add a bit of joy to their lunchboxes, and get the kids involved," Bennett said. "Whether it's assembling the lunch or decorating a brown bag — it's a great way to bring a busy family together."

"Try to make lunch fun," Diekman agrees. "Even high school students would like to see something more interesting than two pieces of bread with something in the middle tossed in a brown paper bag. It's important to offer variety and remember that every kid's taste is different."

Make kids' lunches "trade proof" with fun ideas found at www.thejoyofeating.com and www.calstrawberry.com.



Today's Twist on Classic PB and J

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Spread peanut butter on one slice Sara Lee Soft & Smooth 100% Honey Wheat Bread. Arrange a layer of stemmed, sliced California strawberries on top of peanut butter. Spread second slice of bread with honey. Place on top of strawberries, honey side down.

- The foundation of this nutritious sandwich is whole grain bread with soft texture and smooth taste.

- Strawberries and 100 percent whole grain bread combine two of America's favorites into one nutritious lunch option. Rich in antioxidants, both strawberries and 100 percent whole grain bread help keep the brain and heart healthy and may reduce the risk of some diseases.
- Miss the jelly? Strawberries are more nutritious, have more texture and are therefore more satisfying. As an added bonus, the berries stick to peanut butter better than the messier jelly option.
- A honey wheat bread will complement the light spread of honey applied to strawberries.



Create a Critter-Themed Lunch Box

Mix a lot of nutrition with a pinch of creativity for an energy-packed lunch that's fun to eat. Create these fun foods to delight kids at lunchtime or enlist their help. Little hands will have fun making any of these.

Critter Cookie-Cutter Sandwiches

- Use your animal-shaped cookie cutters to turn a sandwich into your child's favorite critter.
- Use a soft, fluffy white bread for less hassle sliding your cookie cutter through, like Sara Lee Soft & Smooth Made with Whole Grain White Bread.

Strawberry and Chocolate Ladybugs

- Gather whole strawberries, grapes, mini chocolate chips and frilled toothpicks to create this fun, nutritious snack.
- Cut a small slice from the bottom of a large, stemmed California strawberry so that it won't roll. With frilled toothpick, attach a grape to the stem end of the strawberry to make the ladybug's head. Lightly press mini chocolate chips on one side of strawberry.
- This snack delivers the favorite flavor combo of strawberry and chocolate, with much less chocolate than other treats.

Fire Ants on a Log

- Chop strawberries into 8 or 9 pieces.
- Cut one 7- to 8-inch long piece of celery in thirds and fill each with 1 tablespoon low-fat cream cheese. Top each third with pieces of chopped strawberry to resemble ants in a line.

Top 5 Ideas to Pack Joy Into Lunchboxes

Kit Bennett, founder of AmazingMoms.com, shares these favorite creative tips. Find more great ideas for family fun at www.amazingmoms.com.

1. **Unleash the inner artist:** Use colored markers to decorate that boring brown bag before packing the lunch.
2. **Doggone it:** For the puppy-loving child, cut the sandwich or cheese slices with a dog bone-shaped cookie cutter. Add some "people puppy chow" treats (dry cereal). Complete the theme with a puppy sticker on the napkin and a dog paw print using a pen or rubber stamp on the lunch bag.
3. **Brain food:** Cut a word scramble or puzzle from the newspaper kids' section. Roll it around a pencil and include it in the lunch bag for a fun lunchtime activity.
4. **Get a clue:** During the week leave clues in your child's lunch that lead to a Friday afternoon or evening surprise. The surprise can be something big, like a weekend adventure; or small, such as a small toy or an ice cream date. If your child is not yet reading, use pictures or stickers of the clues.
5. **Message in a bag:** Add a message bubble to a photo of your family pet that reads something like "I can't wait to play with you when you get home!" and place it in the lunch bag. You'll find message bubble stickers in the scrapbook department of your craft store.



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